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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "More Mileage from Hosiery" - Information from clothing specialists
of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Now that summer's coming up....the problem of keeping hosiery on the run with
never a runner won't bother some of you. You've joined the bare-leg crowd.

But for those of you who continue to wear hose through the summer...the
problem of more mileage in stockings during these days of limited supply...is an
important one.

Well.....here are two tips from clothing specialists of the U. S. Department
of Agriculture.

If you'd make your stockings last...."buy 'em wisely"....and "keep 'em clean".

In hose....a wise buy means....stockings that are sturdy enough to suit your
purpose...and big enough to fit your feet. In fact...you'll get better wear out of
hose that are a little longer than your feet....a stocking that's a half an inch
longer in the foot wears better than one that fits snugly.

As for "keeping 'em clean".....begin by washing the stocking before you wear
them. Then make it a practice to wash the hose as soon after you take them off...
as possible.

You may save time....but you take a chance on losing hose if you let several
pairs accumulate so you can wash them all at once. You see...dirt and perspiration
weaken rayon fibers. So the sooner you wash the hose....the better it is for them.

Maybe you wonder why such a point is made of washing rayon hose carefully.
The reason for this is that rayon is weaker when it's wet. That's why it's a good
idea to treat the hose gently when washing. And that's why....it's important to let
the hose get thoroughly dry before you put them on.

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